



Minutes for July 12, 2007

Speakers/Introductions:

MO Accountability Portal

On 7/11/07, the MO Accountability Portal was launched. Amy Rayburn and Brenda Fife from OA did a Website walkthrough at the meeting.

The Website includes SAMII financial information (excluding payroll). Payroll will be included in the January 08 release.

.Net/c-sharp/SQL application including 19 screens. The project was started in April. The application has been tested to be 508 compliant. They will be implementing some changes next week to make it fully compliant with Netscape and Safari.

Introduction:

Tom Levin - Google Search Appliance contact

Tom introduced himself to the group, he has been the Google Search appliance admin for a couple of months. He mentioned that they upgraded and replaced the appliance the previous Tuesday and thinks they worked out all the issues.

For any appliance failures/issues – contact OA helpdesk and they will relay the issue to Tom.

The current license will index up to 1 million pages, currently indexing around 600,000. The contract is good through June 2009.

State Government IT Recruitment Initiative:

Paul Wright, IT Director-DESE Support

There is still a “Geeky persona” tied to the IT Field. IT grads have continued to drop since 2000. Lots of baby boomers will be retiring around 2011. Huge impact to the IT field.

Currently the state have been hitting university job fairs, but realize they need to do much more. Things currently being looked at.

- Second Life kiosk (<http://www.seconddlife.com>) – Paul is discussing this project with Kirk Keller over at Conservation
- Job Blogging
- IT recruitment Website including a job opportunities page – LOOKING FOR THIS WITH FLASH EXPERIENCE TO HELP WITH THIS.

The group discussed the need to really focus on added job perks and to further develop things like:
Teleworking
Wellness programs
Etc.

In summary, Paul is looking for recruitment ideas no matter how ‘out there’ you think they may be. He also needs volunteers for the various aspects of the project.

Server/Listserv Migration Update:

Current Mailman listservs will be moved over somewhere between mid-August to beginning of September. Current Majordomo listservs will be moved over between September 1 and October 1.

Old Business:

ITAB Report

Next generation contract was awarded to AT&T

Web Standards Group (formerly Brown University Study)

A subcommittee meeting is scheduled for July 31 to expand the subcategories.

New Business:

Collector Solutions online ePayment system- ADA compliance

They are currently moving all Link2Gov customers over to Collector Solutions by September 15. Arlan Holmes will talk to Collector Solutions in the coming weeks about the ADA compliance issues Lainie shared with Tom Stokes.

Blogging Guidelines (see back)

We had another brief discussion on this topic. It is important to get your Pub Info directors to understand the issues surrounding blogging and social media and to really get them involved. Here's the link to the conference Kirk had attended: <http://www.aliconferences.com/>

Kirk will be doing his Social Media presentation at the August ITAB meeting.

Agency Projects/Open Discussion:

Next monthly meeting is **August 2** from 1:30 pm to 3:00 pm in room 500 of the Harry S Truman Building.

Webcasts/eSeminars/workshops related to usability, accessibility or design

Human Factors International free Webcasts schedule:

<http://www.humanfactors.com/downloads/webcastschedule.asp>

Various free Adobe eSeminars through August 28:

http://www.adobe.com/cfusion/event/index.cfm?event=detail&id=860577&loc=en_us

EASI Webinars:

<http://easi.cc/clinic.htm>

Sample State Government Blogging Guidelines

From Travis Ford, Consumer Education Coordinator

Attorney General's Office Consumer blog: <http://www.ago.mo.gov/cgi-bin/ConsumerCorner/blog/consumer-blog.cgi>

- * Be prepared that the blog requires near daily attention. Posts can be one sentence - but there needs to continually be new information to keep people coming back.
- * Make it searchable - the blog will be a reference for people, and you may post items that are related to similar postings in the past - will be good to link to those.
- * Accept comments. People who read blogs seem to expect this.
- * Some of those comments may be fodder for future postings. I post a lot of Q&A with readers.
- * Filter your comments before posting them. I'm amazed at how much spam we get.

Principles for Public Sector Social Media:

<http://www.psnetwork.org.nz/blog/2007/02/19/principles-public-sector-socialmedia/>